GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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GPS in PDS Vehicles
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any scheme had been launched on pilot basis to install "Global Positioning System" on the vehicles carrying goods/articles for the Targeted Public Distribution System in certain States to check Pilferage/diversion of foodgrains;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved therein;
(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the said scheme across the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (d): In order to curb diversion and leakages of foodgrains meant for TPDS, a scheme for Installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) sets was taken up for implementation in 11th Five Year Plan on pilot basis in the States of Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh for tracking the movement of vehicles transporting Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) commodities. Further, due to implementation of a Plan Scheme on End−to−end Computerization of TPDS Operations during the 12th Five Year Plan to ensure transparency and check leakages/diversion in the TPDS system which includes supply chain management, this scheme has been discontinued.
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